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SUBJ: IRAN-OMAN DEMARCATION OF STRAIT OF HORMUZ

REF: A. TEHRAN 1742 B. TEHRAN 2011 C. KUWAIT 963

1. WILLIAM BUNDY (EDITOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITING TEHRAN) CONTACTED ME BEFORE HIS AUDIENCE WITH SHAH MARCH 13. I SUGGESTED HE ASK SHAH, IN VIEW OF SULTAN QABUS' RECENT VISIT (REF A), IF IN FACT AN UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN REACHED WITH OMAN ON DEMARCATION OF WATERWAY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. BUNDY LATER INFORMED ME THAT SHAH HAD TOLD HIM QABUS HAD WANTED A QTE COUPLE OF ROCKS UNQTE IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ (WE UNDERSTAND THESE ARE ISLANDS OF GREAT QUOIN AND LITTLE QUOIN). SHAH TOLD BUNDY QTE HIS PEOPLE UNQTE HAD ADVISED HIM THI WOULD RESULT IN GIVING UP SOME TERRITORY AND RESERVES OF ALMOST 100 MILLION BARRELS OIL. WHEN THE RECOVERABLE OIL WAS WORKED OUT AS A PERCENTAGE OF IRAN'S TOTAL RESERVES AND ITS VALUE CALCULATED, THE SHAH DECIDED TO LET SULTAN HAVE THE ISLANDS.

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3. AS INDICATED IN REF B, IT APPEARS AN UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING
DEMARCATON OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT HAS BEEN REACHED AND IT ONLY
REMAINS FOR TECHNICAL MATTERS TO BE PREPARED IN FORM OF AGREEMENT
FOR SIGNATURES.

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